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President's Message

by Carl Chapman

They Are Women, Hear Them Roar

This month is our annual trek to Buescher State Park for a weekend of riding, eating, and socializing. Our tradition has been for the men and the women in the club to take turns cooking the Saturday evening meal. This year it's the women's turn to cook. It does not take a rocket scientist to realize that the women are far outnumbered by the men in our club so this cooking tradition at Buescher really is unfair to the women. Fortunately for all of us, what the women lack in numbers, they make up in culinary experience and ability. This got me to thinking of the impact the women in our club have had even with their relatively few in numbers. We have had women serve in every capacity required to run this club. Now I'm not going to fall into the trap of naming names and associating them with a particular task because I would invariably omit someone by mistake and would never hear the end of it. Besides, some of the women are no longer with us and the ones that are will just have to be satisfied knowing that what they are doing benefits the club. From the beginning of this club, we have had women serve as secretary and newsletter editor on to in recent years, website mistress. For many years, we had a tight knit group of women that would handle registration at our annual rally. They all seemed to look forward to working together and catching up on their lives. We have had women lead club rides and not slow us down. We have women Iron Butt members in our club that put most of us to shame. Back in

the early 1980s, we had a woman club president. She did not ride her own bike, but was a passenger behind her husband. They made quite a team and she served well as president. We have women that ride as passenger and log more miles than many riders. I cannot even imagine riding as a passenger to the corner much less making it a lifestyle. Just think what trust it takes to be a passenger. To participate in a very dangerous sport, but to give up any control, I could not do it and I salute the ones that do, mile after mile, year after year. Some of the women do not ride at all, but still donate their time and energy supporting the club. Come to think of it, some of the women are not even club members, but the wives or friends of club members. How dedicated is that? A woman is one of my long time riding buddies. We travel well together and I have learned a lot riding with her. Besides, she is nicer to look at even with helmet hair. As you can see, the women of our club are very small in numbers but are integral to our activities. It takes a very independent and strong willed woman to participate in a male dominated sport. Don't be surprised if the next time you are passed by another biker and see a ponytail sticking out from under the helmet, it could very possibly be a woman challenging your domination.

Thank you all ladies, you are appreciated.

Lets have fun!

Take care!

Carl Chapman



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Minute by Minute

by Bill Corrow

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2004

The January Business Meeting was called to order by Beverly Ruffin at 8:00 PM, Carl Chapman presiding. Carl requested a motion to accept the minutes of The December Business Meeting as printed in the December Newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. Carl called upon Robert Stallones to present the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which can be found in this newsletter. Dan Greenlee then provided the group with an update on the Monthly Club Ride leaving from Denny's 1960 At 9:00 AM, 1/10/04. Carl mentioned the card for Neil Reno as well as the good turnout at the Hotel Galvez on New Year's day. He also discussed the upcoming Buescher Weekend as well as the Tune Up Clinic which Mike Murphy is hosting on April 4th. A discussion also took place regarding the Texas National Rally to be jointly hosted by the DFW club as well as ours. Beverly Ruffin indicated that she is planning a 50 CC run (coast to coast in 50 hours or less). She also mentioned a possible Lewis & Clark run to Spokane. Leo Salinas has agreed to host the February Club Ride, details to follow later. We had two guests attend the meeting, Mike Beck and Rex Lawson. Rex, riding an R1150RT, was also voted in as our newest member. Welcome, Rex! Carl adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectively submitted
Bill Corrow, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

by Robert Stallones

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Balance on November 30, 2003 \$ 6,126.70

Receipts

Dues	486.00
Club Promotional Items	158.00
Total Receipts	\$ 644.00

Expenses

Christmas Party	(744.39)
Internet Service	(20.51)
Newsletter Copies	(48.50)
Club Shirts	(365.89)
Name Tags	(22.73)
Total Expenses	(\$1,232.02)

Balance as of December 31, 2003 \$5,538.68



Beemer Bulletin Board

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers...

- Great to see Neil Reno at the Galvez Brunch.
- BMWMOA Ambassador Jim Greer passed away on Sunday January 11, 2004 cards may be sent to Kathy Greer 433 E. Stonecastle, Granite Shoals, TX 78654

Please submit any requests for this posting to editor

January Camp-In

by Beverly Ruffin

It's that time of the year, again: The coveted weekend in Smithville—at the Buescher State Park.

And it's the women's time to cook. So set your taste buds for fried catfish and shrimp with all the trimmings. And you can top it off with either peach or blackberry cobbler.

Mark you calendar for Saturday, January 17th and dig out your sleeping bag (or make reservations at one of the many nearby motels). Make plans to participate in our coziest weekends of the year!

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Classifieds



For Sale: Roadgear Xcaliber Jacket, Brand new, size 50, never worn, with liner, yellow/black, will bring to meeting, can be picked up or shipped at your expense, \$390. firm (11/03)

Sam Taylor 281-852-8484

samtaylor@att.net



For Sale: R1100/1150 RT Accessories, BMW Tank Bag with hardware and rain cover-new condition paid \$310—asking \$210 (10/03), Sargent Saddle in black Grip-Tex with M Logo with underseat storage tube, paid \$630—asking \$400, Lid-Loc Helmet Holders, designed for storage cases, paid \$32—asking \$15.00 (11/03)

Gerry 281-296-8308 or 281-413-0105

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For Sale: 1998 R1200C, Black with white pn stripes, 13800 miles, odometer changed by the dealer at 12000 miles service due to electrical short, Texas bike, best cruiser on the road, stylish and comfortable, Lite buddies (great visibility ar night), driving lights, quick fuel line disconnect, tires have 2500 miles, leather bags, I am making room in the garage for R1150RS, first \$7000. takes it home, can email pics. (11/03)

robsando@yahoo.com



For Sale: Ladies Olympia Wind-Tex Gloves Size S, worn once, top of the line cool weather gloves, top grade leather, black Thermolite, Thin Insulation with Kevlar palms, \$35.00 (9/03)

Kim Kaven 979-921-0369, 281-923-0666

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For Sale: Riding Apparel Joe Rocket Ballistic series jacket with liner, size 40-42, Motoport winter riding pants, brand new never used, size 40-42 short, Tour Master Ski Dri winter gloves, size large, Nolan Classis flip-front helmet, silver color, prices negotiable, most items new or nearly new, at 73 I don't need them anymore, I am reduced to a Yamaha Zuma scooter. (11/03)



For Sale: Garmin GPS 111+ , good condition, has decent base map, which can be expanded if you get the software, GPS allows you to keep track of waypoints, define routes, does current speed, avg speed, and a lot more, data cable included but no software, one of the data pins in GPS broken, but the cable has been modified so that it works fine, if you purchase the cigarette lighter adapter, it won't need batteries, 4 AA batteries last 20 hours or so, list price is \$300, I would like \$150.

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BMW Club of Houston Tune-Up Clinic

Sunday April 4, 2004 10:00AM

Mike Murphy's Home

3011 Piper Road

Pearland, Tx. 77584

phone #281-412-6250

e-mail: bmwmike@direcway.com

This is a day to perform minor maintenance on your bike and receive assistance if needed. Bring your own parts, fluids, supplies, and tools if possible. Lunch will be provided.

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**Jeff Washburn @
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Events Calendar

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January 2004

- 1 New Year's Day Brunch
- 8 Business Meeting—Hickory Hollow
- 11 Sunday Ride
- 17-18 Buescher State Park Weekend

February 2004

- 12 Business Meeting—Hickory Hollow
- 15 Sunday Ride

March 2004

- 13 Daytona
- 11 Business Meeting—Hickory Hollow
- 14 Sunday Ride

April 2004

- 4 Tune-Up Clinic
- 8 Business Meeting—Hickory Hollow
- 11 Sunday Ride
- 24-25 Texas National Rally

May 2004

- 13 Business Meeting—Hickory Hollow
- 16 Sunday Ride
- TBA Ride the 3's—Leaky, TX

June 2004

- 10 Business Meeting—Hickory Hollow
- 13 Sunday Ride

July 2004

- 8 Business Meeting—Hickory Hollow
- 11 Sunday Ride
- 15-17 BMW MOA National Rally



BUSINESS MEETING

2nd Thursday—8:00 pm
Hickory Hollow
101 Heights Blvd.
2 Blocks South of I-10



SOCIAL GATHERING

Every Thursday about 7:00 pm
Hickory Hollow



**BREAKFAST WITH THE
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Every Sunday—8:00 am
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DAY RIDES

Every Sunday following the Business
Meeting
Details on website



About our organization:



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See us at:

www.bmwclub.org

The BMW Club of Houston, Ltd. has existed since 1966 for the purpose of connecting the BMW Motorcycle community in the Greater Houston area. Our membership strives to assist those new to the community as well as those new to the marque. Our membership can assist you with motorcycling advice for those things mechanical, for old and new bikes, as well as for all of those diverse riding styles to fit the many models BMW offers the enthusiast.



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